(5) A suitable market should be constructed by the Government or the Government should loan the required amount to the Committee for the purpose.

(6) A non-official President should be appointed with an official Vice-President who might preferably be a Medical Officer in which case the post of Health Officer could be abolished.

(7) The lighting of the town should be more satisfactorily attended to.

Dewan's reply.—The Municipal Bill contains provisions for carrying out most of the suggestions of the Member. If, as is hoped, the Bill is passed into law before we meet next year, a remedy for many of the defects referred to by the Member could be found. The suggestions are noted for consideration.

VII. EDUCATION—(*Concluded*).

161. Educational needs of the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. N. Sankara Pillai (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) submitted that those who had received higher education in his taluk could be counted in one's fingers' ends. That was due to the absence of a Higher Grade English school midway between Kottayam and Parur. Most of the students who passed out of the Lower Grade English schools at Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Perumpavur discontinued their studies, having no means or convenience to prosecute their further studies in distant places. If one of the above schools, preferably that at Muvattupuzha, could be raised to the Higher Grade, it would be a great relief to the people of those places.

The Member's next request was to have a Training School opened at Muvattupuzha for female teachers. At present there was only one such institution for the whole State and that was located in Trivandrum. Many female teachers in the northern taluks found it difficult and inconvenient to come all the way to Trivandrum and undergo training.

Lastly, the Member suggested that Muvattupuzha also might be made a centre for the Vernacular Higher Examination.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly rose for the day at 5-15 P. M.

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